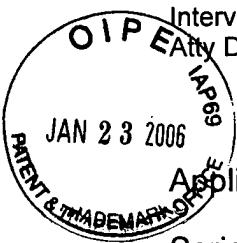


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Title: WATER HEATER
SECURITY SYSTEM

INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR §1.133

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Dear Sir:

Please make the following INTERVIEW SUMMARY of record according to 37 CFR §1.133(b), MPEP §713.04.

PARTICIPANTS:

1. Examiner: Anita M. King
2. Applicant's counsel: Vic Lin, Reg. No. 43,754

DATE OF INTERVIEW: November 30, 2005

TYPE OF INTERVIEW: Telephonic

EXHIBITS OR DEMONSTRATIONS: n/a

CLAIMS DISCUSSED: Generally, Claims 1-8 and 13-24.

PRIOR ART DISCUSSED: Enochs (US 6,138,864)

PRINCIPAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND ARGUMENTS DISCUSSED:

Applicant's counsel emphasized that the claimed invention was directed to security systems for restraining water heaters only, and that Applicant had no intent to cover other types of security systems. Accordingly, both the examiner and Applicant's counsel agreed that it would be productive to revise the claims to positively recite the water heater.

Applicant's counsel also discussed copying by a competitor as evidence of non-obviousness. The examiner suggested strengthening the evidence with additional information regarding dates of copying by competitor, i.e., that the copying by competitor occurred subsequent to

RESULTS:

Though an agreement on the patentability claims was not reached, both the examiner and Applicant's counsel agreed that amending the claims and strengthening the evidence regarding copying would be helpful in overcoming the pending claim rejections.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner King for granting the telephone interview. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if any open issues remain with respect to the telephone interview.



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